

Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting October 15th, 2008

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its' monthly meeting on Wednesday October 15th, 2008, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. Attending the meeting were: Park Board President – Ron Bennett, Members –Linc Baro, Kelly Cox, Don Oeth and Synda Waters. Parks Supt – John Tate and Park Board Secretary- Debra Scott.

*Visiting the meeting was: Sheila Ainsley.

The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Linc Baro and seconded by Don Oeth. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the September 17th, 2008, meeting was made by Don Oeth and seconded by Kelly Cox. Motion carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for October 15th, 2008, was made by Synda Waters and seconded by Linc Baro. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Park Board President Ron Bennett asked the guest, Sheila Ainsley if she would like to address the Board. Mrs. Sheila Ainsley stated she is looking for a new location to operate a soup kitchen. Mrs. Ainsley stated the owner of Penguin Pete's (Mr. Myers Hyman) is trying to sell the business which is where they currently operate the soup kitchen from. Mrs. Ainsley passed out fliers to the Board members that contained information pertaining to the soup kitchen. Mrs. Ainsley is interested in operating the soup kitchen out of the Senior Citizen Center in the evening hours. After discussing the issue; Mr. Ron Bennett asked Mr. John Tate to talk with the city attorney and see if a municipality is able to have a soup kitchen. The department is supported by tax dollars and different regulations do apply. Mr. Tate is to let the Board know of any information he gathers after speaking with the city attorney, so the Board can discuss the issue further.
2. 2007 encumbered funds- Mr. Tate stated he had not heard back from John David with David Enterprises and there is no new information. Mr. Tate stated he will continue trying to get in touch with David Enterprises.
3. Code of Conduct for volunteers- Mr. Tate stated we are working on the code of conduct and he would like to implement this code of conduct in the spring. All volunteers who plan on coaching will be asked to sign this code of conduct stating they will not use foul language, act inappropriately and that they will follow the code. Mr. Tate stated we will also be purchasing a new scale before next football season. The new scale will be digital and easier for everyone to read.
4. Youth Soccer proposal and survey-Mr. Tate handed the Board a survey he had put together to pass out to the parents of soccer players. The survey is to get input from parents to see if there is enough interest in revamping the soccer program. Soccer leagues U-6 and U-8 would become an academy style league. This would

take the emphasis off the games and provide more teaching of the fundamentals. The players would all practice in a group setting lead by a group of coaches. Leagues U-10 and U-12 would possibly remain the same.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was discussed at this time.

Motion was made to adjourn by Don Oeth and seconded by Synda Waters.
Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

John Tate, Superintendent

Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 19th, 2008, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.